

✚ DAY OF PENTECOST ✚

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About Our Worship Service

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to take away our sins. We gather for the Divine Service not merely for the sake of ritual or tradition. Nor do we come to worship primarily to give something back to God. Rather, we meet together to hear and receive what God has done for us. In Word and Sacrament, our gracious Lord gives us forgiveness of sins, unity with him in new life, and the promise of eternal salvation in heaven! Through this same Gospel he motivates and equips us to follow his holy will for our lives. We hope that you are comforted with the message of Jesus Christ's love as you worship with us today. Please join us again soon!

Visitors

Thank you for joining us for worship! Please read the following notes about our church. If you have any questions or need any assistance, **please speak with the pastor.**

Our practice of closed communion: If you have not communed with us before, please read the note about our Lord's Supper practices printed later in this bulletin under "Distribution of Holy Communion."

Rest Rooms are located in the downstairs fellowship hall. A wheelchair accessible restroom is located at the front of the church, through the doors to the left of the chancel.

Guest book: If you feel comfortable doing so, please sign our guest book located in the narthex so we can have a record of your visit.

Mother's Room: Parents with crying children are welcome to use the mother's room, located off of the narthex. The room is equipped with speakers so parents can listen to the service.

Chair Lifts are located off the northwest entrance for those who need to go to the fellowship hall on the lower level but have difficulty with stairs.

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THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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The Spirit Marches Victorious through the Word

Fifty days after the Passover, God's Old Testament people Israel would celebrate the gathering of the harvest at the *Festival of Weeks*. At the celebration fifty days after Christ's resurrection, God sent the promised Counselor on the day we call "Pentecost" (Greek for "the fiftieth (day)"). The Christ-promised coming of the Holy Spirit reversed the confusion of Babel as the disciples were given the gift of speaking in tongues. In a rush of wind and with tongues of flame the prophecy of Joel was fulfilled: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Jesus ascended into heaven. That does not mean the gospel has ceased to march victorious around the world! Jesus promised to send another advocate to represent God to the world: the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is the constant companion of believers in these Last Days. This raises an important question. If God now reveals himself by his Spirit, where is the Holy Spirit found? God has not left the answer to that question in doubt. When Jesus promised to send the Spirit, he indicated that his work would be connected to words, specifically God's Word. As a result, we need never wonder where we can find the Spirit. He marches victorious through the Word.

✚ COMMON SERVICE ✚

Welcome to God's house in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Please enter the sanctuary quietly so you and others can prepare your hearts for God's worship service.

Personal prayers for worship are printed on pages 10-11, 134-139, and 156 in the front of the hymnal.

"Understanding Lutheran Worship" provides excellent information about the Lutheran Liturgy, the Christian Church Year, and the Books of the Bible. A copy of the booklet is located in the hymnal rack of each pew.

There will be no pre-service announcements.

Our worship begins with the tolling of the bells, followed by the processional hymn.

THE PREPARATION

(Job 11:13-15; Psalm 25; Isaiah 40:3-5; Hebrews 4:16)

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 184 "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

* Please stand for **the final stanza**, direct your attention to the processional cross, and follow it as it is brought to the chancel.



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in And in our hearts
2 Give to your Word im - pres-sive pow'r That in our hearts
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let your dear Word,



your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
and ho - ly faith, From you true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we May be Tru - ly liv - ing, To you giv - ing
Hear us, Cheer us By your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
Your grace And peace On us show - er; By your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
And our la - bor Praise you, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

INVOCATION (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

OPENING VERSICLES

M: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. (*Genesis 1:1,2*)

C: **The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.**
(*Job 33:4*)

M: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? (*Psalms 139:7*)

C: **If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.** (*Psalms 139:8*)

M: The LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever." (*Genesis 6:3a*)

C: **O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.**
(*Psalms 38:1*)

M: Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am faint; O LORD, heal me, for my bones are in agony. *(Psalm 6:2)*

C: **Turn, O LORD, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.**
(Psalm 6:4)

M: (Jesus said to his disciples) "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." *(John 20:22,23)*

C: **No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.** *(John 3:5b,6)*

M: The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. *(Isaiah 61:1)*

C: **There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.** *(Romans 8:1,2)*

M: Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
(2 Corinthians 3:17)

C: **Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!** *(Liturgical statement)*

CONFESSION OF SINS *(1 John 1:8-9)*

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

** Please remain silent for reflection on God's Word and for repentant self-examination.*

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

KYRIE – LORD, HAVE MERCY *(Mark 10:47; Luke 17:12-13)*

The musical notation consists of two staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the text: "C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of the text: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating that a single note spans multiple syllables.

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

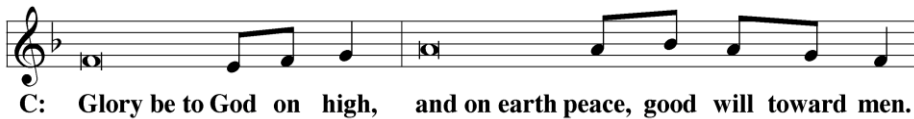
HOLY ABSOLUTION (John 20:19-23)

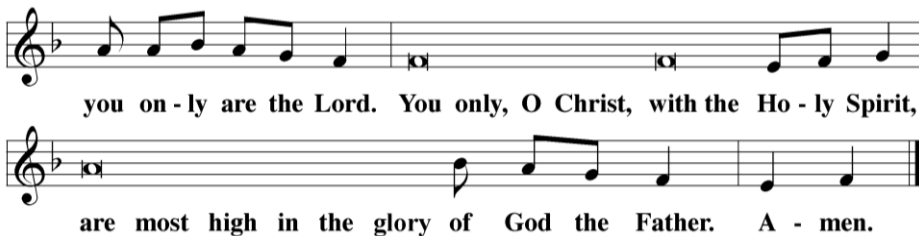
M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – GLORY TO GOD (Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





SALUTATION (Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22)

M: The Lord be with you.



PRAYER OF THE DAY (Philippians 4:6; Matthew 18:19-20)

M: Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.



* *Please be seated.*

THE WORD

(Romans 10:17; Acts 2:42; 2 Timothy 3:16,17)

For more information about today's Scripture readings, the current season of the Church Year, and the words and symbols featured on the paraments, please visit "www.nainlutheran.org/worship/worship-resources" to read this Sunday's "About the Propers," a weekly document that explains the changeable parts of the service.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 11:1-9

At Babel sin led to God confusing people's language. Grace would lead God to share the gospel in many languages on Pentecost.

* After the reading of the Lesson:

M: The Word of Our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 51b page 87 in the front of the hymnal

* The men & boys will sing the first half of the psalm verse; the women & girls will sing the second half. All will join in singing the refrains and the "Glory be to the Father..."

SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

On Pentecost the disciples proclaimed the gospel. Through their words the Holy Spirit unleashed his power.

* After the reading of the Lesson:

M: The Word of Our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Psalm 150; Revelation 19)

M: Alleluia. "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love." Alleluia. *(From the antiphon: Come, Holy Spirit)*



* The pastor processes to the nave floor for the reading of the Gospel, symbolizing Christ's presence among us in his Word. Please stand at the direction of the pastor.

GOSPEL OF THE DAY John 15:26,27

The Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son to testify not to subjective truth but to essential Truth: the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

M: The Holy Gospel for the Day of Pentecost, according to St. John, chapter fifteen.



** After the reading of the Gospel:*

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord!



NICENE CREED (Romans 10:9-10; Philippians 2:10-11)

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

** Please be seated.*

HYMN OF THE DAY 176 "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"

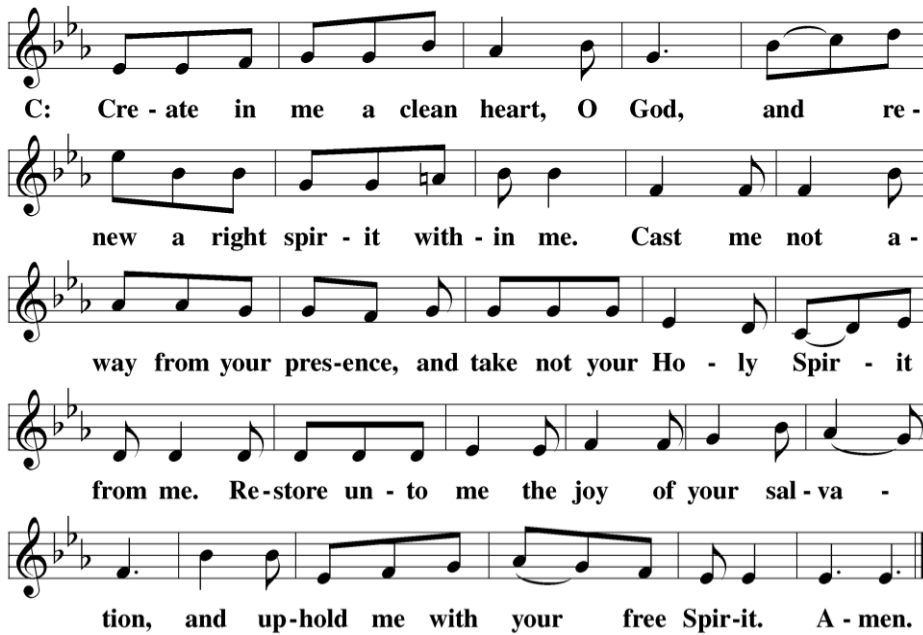
* The hymns are located in the middle to back portion of the red hymnal.

SERMON Acts 2:1-21

"The Spirit Testifies to Jesus"

CREATE IN ME (Psalm 51:10-12)

* Please stand.



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

* Please be seated.

OFFERING

* Offering Collection

God, who blesses us with all we have, gives us the privilege of showing him our thanks in many ways. One of these ways is by giving back a portion of what he has given us to support the work of the Church.

If you are a guest, please don't feel that you must give an offering. We are happy to share with you the free, good news of Jesus' eternal love for you.

If you have an offering, you can place it in the box in the narthex, mail it to the church, or give online via the link on our church website. Thank you for your financial support of our congregation!

* Friendship Registers

A Friendship Register (i.e. the maroon book) is located at the end of each pew. Sometime before you leave, please write in your name and the names of those with you, check any appropriate box, and provide your contact information if you want the pastor to speak with you.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

DAY OF PENTECOST

* *Please stand.*

The responses are from Martin Luther's explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed.

M: Let us pray.

Praise to you, Holy Spirit. We worship and glorify you as the Lord and the giver of life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to shed life on all created things, and as you gave a new life of understanding to Christ's disciples in your Pentecost baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word, you have made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord. In thanksgiving for your gifts to us, we confess:

C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

M: Holy Spirit, all-seeing Counselor and fountain of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful flesh. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your Word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus, where there is forgiveness for all.

C: In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

* *Special prayers and intercessions.*

The Christian Church has traditionally marked June 11th as a day to thank God for his work through St. Barnabas, Apostle. We will recognize this minor church year festival in our prayers today.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

* *Silent prayer.*

M: Holy Spirit, highest confidence in every need, in these gray and last days of the world, strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, encourage our fearful hearts. Remind us of your Word and promises: "Be strong; do not fear. Your Lord will come again. He will come to save you." And in your final, mighty, creative act, O Holy Spirit, raise up our bodies so that we, together with all the saints, may lift up our heads and with glorified eyes see our Savior drawing near.

C: **On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but † deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT

(Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11)

Visitors, before approaching the altar, please read the note printed later in this bulletin under the section titled "Distribution" so you may be informed about our congregation's Holy Communion practices.

PREFACES

M: The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1; Lamentations 3:41)



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. (Psalm 107:1; Psalm 136)



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

SANCTUS – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-24)

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

PAX DOMINI – THE PEACE OF THE LORD (John 20:19)

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI – O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (John 1:29; Isaiah 53:7)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

* Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (1 Corinthians 11:26)

* Visitors

Before approaching the altar to receive Holy Communion, please read the following notes:

The Holy Bible teaches the celebration of the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in faith and teaching (to be 'in communion' means to share and hold in common). By eating and drinking at our Lord's Table, we are not only sharing Christ's true Body and Blood, but we are also confessing that we publicly hold in common the same teachings of God's Holy Word.

We therefore invite to Holy Communion only those Christians who share the same teachings to which we hold, all the while recognizing the true spiritual unity and fellowship of all true Christians in God's Holy Christian Church (i.e. the Communion of Saints). Confirmed members of Nain and confirmed visiting

members of sister congregations in the WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) and the ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) are welcome to commune.

If you are a member of another Lutheran synod, another Christian denomination, or of another belief, we ask that you refrain from communing with us at this time. We do this out of love and in accordance with God's words through St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11. The Pastor would be happy to speak with you if you have interest in communing in the future or have any other questions or concerns about our practices. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and for respecting our beliefs.

* Communicants

A guide for personal preparation before receiving Holy Communion is found on page 156 in the front of the hymnal. Prayers for before and after Holy Communion are found on page 11.

When the pastor distributes the bread and body of Christ, he will say, "The body of Christ, given for you." When the pastor distributes the wine and blood of Christ, he will say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you." Before consuming the sacramental elements, you may respond to the pastor's words by saying, "Amen" (which is Hebrew for, "Truly," or "Yes, it is so") as a way to confess your belief that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of your sins.

* Children and Non-Communicants

You are welcome to approach the altar to receive a blessing from the pastor. He will make the sign of the cross on the head of each and say, "The Lord bless you." Non-Communicant adults are asked to cross their arms over their chest to indicate that they don't intend to commune.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 179 "Hail Thee, Festival Day"
 182 "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

NUNC DIMITTIS – SONG OF SIMEON (Luke 2:29-32)

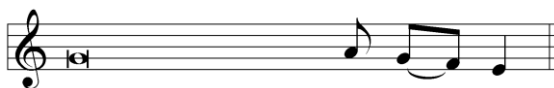
* Please stand.



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

THANKSGIVING (Psalm 118:1)

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper.
We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love
for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

AARONIC BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 183 "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

* Please remain standing for the closing hymn and direct your attention to the processional cross as it is brought out of the nave. You may be seated on your own after the hymn.



1	Ho - ly	Spir - it,	Light	di - vine,	Shine	up -
2	Ho - ly	Spir - it,	Love	di - vine,	Cleanse	this
3	Ho - ly	Spir - it,	Joy	di - vine,	Cheer	this
4	Ho - ly	Spir - it,	Pow'r	di - vine,	Dwell	with -
5	See, to	you I	give	my heart;	Cleanse	my



on this heart of mine; Chase the gloom of night
guilt - y heart of mine; In your mer - cy pit -
sad - dened heart of mine; Fill me with your heav'n -
in this heart of mine; Cast down ev - 'ry i -
life in ev - 'ry part; Your own tem - ple I



a - way; Turn the dark - ness in - to day.
y me; From sin's bond - age set me free.
ly peace; Let it grow and still in - crease.
dol throne; Reign su - preme and reign a - lone.
would be Now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

* Please be seated.



A personal prayer for after worship is printed on page 11 in the front of the hymnal.

***You will not be ushered out.** You may depart any time after the conclusion of the closing hymn.*

*If you haven't done so already, **please write your name in the Friendship Register before you leave.***

***If you have an offering,** you can place it in the box in the narthex, mail it to the church, or give online via the link on our church website. Thank you for your financial support of our congregation.*

***Thank you for joining us** as we together worshiped our Triune God. The Lord be with you this week!*

After Pastor's post-service announcements, we will take a few minutes to practice singing the following parts from "The Service: Setting One" in the new hymnal:

- Lord, Have Mercy (p. 156)*
- Gospel Acclamation (p. 161)*
- Preface (p. 165)*

If you haven't done so already, please take a hymnal from the book cart in the narthex. Thank you.



Special thanks to: Linda Loeffel for playing organ... Joe Lopina for serving as distribution assistant and crucifer... Michael Kraft for serving as usher... Mark Buske and Brooke Smith for operating the A/V equipment for the live stream... and Lois Buske for taking care of altar duty.

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For more information about our synod, please visit its website: www.wels.net*



The Paschal Candle

Paschal, meaning "having to do with the Passover," is a word associated with Easter, for it was at the conclusion of the Jewish Passover Festival (the "Pasch") that Jesus rose from the dead and proved himself to be the true Passover Lamb whose blood removes the threat of death (Exodus 12 & 1 Corinthians 6:6-8).

Paschal Candles are usually very large, white, and inscribed with a cross and the Greek letters Alpha (Α) and Omega (Ω) - the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet - which symbolize that Christ is eternal, the beginning and end (Revelation 1:8; 22:13).

The Paschal Candle is lit every Easter morning to symbolize that Christ is alive and lives among his people. It is then lit for every service during the season of Easter as we continue to celebrate Christ's resurrection. The candle is also lit at Holy Baptisms and Christian funerals, reminding us of the believer's new birth and resurrection to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.